Company will be charged with the duty of coastal navigation and of sea-going shipping, and it is expected that in the course of the next few weeks, a public announcement calling for shares will be forthcoming. The problem of transport is not a short-term problem. This problem is going to last, as I said elsewhere and have to repeat it here, for 6, 7 or 8 years. And the programmes we have to charge ourselves with are programmes dealing with the intensification of cultivation, dealing with the extension of cultivation, dealing with industrialisation of the country in order to get enough money to buy food from outside, which are no longer programmes dealing with the luxuries of the moment but with the necessities of the future. This is all I desire to say upon the food situation now.

BILLS ASSENTED TO BY HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA.

The Secretary reported to the Council the following Bills which have received the assent of His Highness the Maharaja :—

1. The Travancore Anchal Act (Amendment) Bill.
2. The Travancore Sale of Goods Act (Amendment) Bill.
3. The Travancore High Court Act (Amendment) Bill.
4. The Civil Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill.
5. The Criminal Procedure Code(Amendment) Bill.
6. The Travancore Medical Practitioners' Bill, and
7. The Travancore Special Marriage and Succession Bill.

PANEL OF CHAIRMEN.

President: Under sub-rule (1) of Rule (3) of the Travancore Legislative Rules, I nominate Messrs. N. Krishna Aiyar and K. K. Kuruvilla to be the Panel of Chairmen for the session.

STATEMENT LAID ON THE TABLE.

Rajyasevapravina A. Lekshminarayana Ayyar: Sir, under Rule 76 of the Travancore Legislative Rules, I beg to lay on the table the following statement of expenditure authorised by the Government under Section 32 of Act II of 1108.

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